Iberville Parish Library presents



Grow Your Own Geodes







Materials Needed

- 3 tablespoons of Borax, provided **wash hands after handling
- Popsicle stick or chop stick, provided
- Curling ribbon, *provided*
- Metallic pipe cleaners, provided
- 1 cup of boiling water
- Food coloring
- Large glass jar or pitcher
- Dish cloth



Directions

- 1. Shape the pipe cleaner(s) and thread curling ribbon through the edge.
- 2. Put it in your empty container and using a popsicle stick, tie the ends around it so that your pipe cleaner shape doesn't touch the sides or bottom of your container. Once you've got it tied off at the right height, remove it from the container before you add your water.
- 3. Bring water to a boil and carefully pour into your container. Add the Borax and food coloring (if needed), stirring until the Borax is completely dissolved.



4. Add your pipe cleaner shape tied to the popsicle stick and cover with a dish cloth.



5. Let sit overnight or about 5 hours. Uncover and be amazed!



6. Carefully pull out the curling ribbon from your finished geode.